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Indiana LSTA survey closes Jan. 16



Every five years, each state library administrative agency in the nation is required to conduct an independent evaluation of its implementation of the Library Services and Technology Act Grants to States program. This evaluation must be submitted in order to qualify for ongoing federal funding, as LSTA funds are distributed by the Institute for Museum and Library Services.

Following the evaluation is the requirement for the submission of a new state-level five-year plan for the LSTA program. QualityMetrics is assisting the Indiana State Library with this year's evaluation.

Upcoming workshops and important dates

[Oceans of Possibilities - Summer Reading Roundtable #3](#)

When: Jan. 19, 2-3 p.m.

Where: Webinar

[What's Up Wednesday - Be the Hero! Tween and Teen Live Action Roleplaying \(LARPing\) Games](#)

When: Jan. 26, 10-11 a.m.

Where: Webinar

[Building Community Engagement and Awareness Through Little Free Library](#)

When: Feb. 3, 10-11 a.m.

Where: Webinar

[Get INSPIRED: EBSCO Usage Statistics and Reports](#)

When: Feb. 9, 10-11 a.m.

Where: Webinar

[Indiana 211 and Libraries](#)

When: March 16, 2022, 10-11 a.m.

Where: Webinar

Indiana library jobs



This week's new Indiana library jobs

[Employee Experience Coordinator](#)
Allen County Public Library

[Children's Services Librarian](#)
Anderson Public Library

[Children's Services Manager](#)
Anderson Public Library

[Outreach Specialist](#)
Goshen Public Library

[Area Resource Manager - Branches](#)
Indianapolis Public Library

[Public Services Librarian - Juvenile Focus](#)
Indianapolis Public Library

If you would like your Indiana library job posting to be listed in the Wednesday Word, the position and its description must be submitted to the Indiana State Library. Click [here](#) for submission guidelines and to submit.

In the news



[Elkhart Public Library's Cleveland branch reopens after renovations](#)
Elkhart Public Library

LSTA grants fund, in part, programs and resources such as INSPIRE, SRCS, Evergreen and the Collaborative Summer Library Program.

The survey is open to public, academic and school librarians at any position and closes on Jan. 16.

Click [here](#) to read more about the survey and to participate. The survey consists of three questions and should take no more than 10 minutes to complete. The results of the survey will help the Indiana State Library better serve the library community.

Plainfield-Guilford Township Public Library to present first-ever History Harvest



Plainfield-Guilford Township Public Library staff member Jeannine Spurgin alongside Plainfield historical collection items

On Jan. 21-23, the Plainfield-Guilford Township Public Library will present its first-ever History Harvest. Community members are invited to drop by the library to share historical items pertaining to Plainfield's past.

The idea for the event began when Indiana Room staff member Jeannine Spurgin came across the concept being utilized by the

[What's Up Wednesday: Effective Staff Development on Any Budget](#)

When: April 27, 10-11 a.m.

Where: Webinar



Welcome to Digital Collection Highlights. Every other week, librarians at the Indiana State Library share images from the library's ever-growing digital collections. Visit the [Digital Collections](#) page to view the latest additions.

Boraxine soap and the Larkin Company



The J.D. Larkin Company was founded in Buffalo, New York in 1875, by J. D. Larkin. His brother-in-law Elbert Hubbard joined the company soon after its founding and helped come up with the advertising, promotional and merchandising schemes that help put the company on the map. Customers could order soap from the company and receive a premium with that order. Premiums ranged

[Elkhart Public Library gives access to free menstrual products](#)

Elkhart Public Library

[EVPL challenging community to read as many books as possible in 2022](#)

Evansville Vanderburgh Public Library

[Hussey-Mayfield Memorial Public Library hosts Santa Romp and Stomp](#)

Hussey-Mayfield Memorial Public Library

[Four Michiana writers added to Indiana's online poetry archive](#)

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[January book discussions planned Jackson County Public Library](#)

Jackson County Public Library

[Going Places class set at Seymour library](#)

Jackson County Public Library

[Ligonier library adds Wi-Fi hotspots to collection](#)

Ligonier Public Library

[St. Joseph County Public Library to charge annual fee for guest cards](#)

St. Joseph County Public Library

[Art Guild's January artist at Vigo library makes the ordinary extraordinary](#)

Vigo County Public Library

*Please consult local news sources and library websites for the latest information on the closures of libraries and the cancellations of scheduled library events and programs in relation to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

Is your library making news?

[Email](#) news links for inclusion in the Wednesday Word's "In the news"

History Department at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. "It struck me that we have not done any soliciting of historical items from the community... ever?" Spurgin said. "Then it struck me that people probably don't know, firstly, about the library's archives' existence at all, and secondly, that they can contribute to the historical record with their own artifacts."

The library's Indiana Room is home to a 1,656 sq. ft. climate-controlled archive with over 20,000 historical documents, maps, photographs, books and artifacts. Recording and preserving history is one of the main objectives of the library.

The public is welcome to stop by the Indiana Room anytime during library hours from Jan. 21-23 to share their historical items. The items will be photocopied, photographed or scanned into the library's database and added to the digital collection, along with the story and any other information behind the item. Participants are welcome to bring a flash drive if they would like to have a digital copy of their historical item. The library will return the physical items to the patron.

The Plainfield-Guilford Township Public Library is located at 1120 Stafford Road in Plainfield. For more information please call 317-839-6602 or [email the library](#).

2021 training videos available on State Library's YouTube channel

from lamps and Buffalo pottery to various pieces of furniture. Customers could also order a combination box of different Larkin products which became very popular. Groups of women were encouraged to form clubs, order these combination boxes and take turns picking a premium.

At the turn of the 20th century, the Larkin Company was second only to Sears & Roebuck in size, its catalog reaching 1.5 million homes. The company had grown so large they needed to build a new administrative building. On the recommendation of Darwin Martin, an employee, Larkin hired Frank Lloyd Wright to design the new building. Completed in 1906 at a cost of \$4 million dollars the building was considered among Wright's finest works.

The Larkin Company struggled after the deaths of the founding owners and the Great Depression. The company was unable to keep up with the changing retail landscape and their mail order business suffered. The Larkin Company closed their doors in 1942.

Boraxine was a powdered soap made by Larkin. In each box of soap, a chrome picture was inserted as a bonus. The company also produced several cards with various images along with a company slogan. Larkin also made Sweet Home Laundry Soap, Crème Oatmeal and Pure White toilet soaps.

[This Boraxine advertisement](#) is part of "The Papers of the Cox-Kearby Families" located in the Genealogy Division.

Latest round of TeachingBooks webinars announced

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State Library blog



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Indiana library employees who would like to contribute a guest blog, please send an [email](#) with an idea.

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Free training for librarians and library employees on LinkedIn Learning



As the new year begins, the Indiana State Library would like to remind everyone that several training videos from 2021 are available to view on the library's YouTube channel.

Recent uploads include "An Empathetic Approach to Customer Service Training," "What's Up Wednesday - Get INSPIRED: Live Demo/Q&A," "CSLP 2022: Oceans of Possibilities," "Gobble Up Information at the Indiana State Library" and "Capital Assets and Depreciation."

The Indiana State Library does not provide LEU certificates for training viewed from its archives. To get credit for watching one of the State Library's archived videos, the library staff member who viewed the video will need to ask the person responsible for issuing LEUs at their library - often an administrator or HR manager - to create and sign an in-house LEU certificate. When a library director uses an in-house certificate, it must be signed by the president of the library board or an HR manager. Learn more about in-house certificates [here](#) under the heading "How do I document LEUs for Live and Archived virtual conference sessions or webinars?" To confirm the amount and type of LEU available, read the webinar description on the Archived Webinar's page [here](#).

In addition to training videos, the State Library's YouTube page also



TeachingBooks, a database of resources for children's and young adult books and their authors and illustrators, has announced a series of webinars for the first half of 2022.

Beginning in January and running through July, TeachingBooks will present seven 20-minute webinars that will showcase strategies and integration ideas. The webinars include: "Support English Language Learners," "Welcome to TeachingBooks!," "Plan Ahead for Summer Reading with TeachingBooks," "Creating, Analyzing and Using Lists on TeachingBooks," "Welcome to TeachingBooks: TeachingBooks 101," "Unlock the Magic of Fairy Tales with TeachingBooks" and "Ready-to-Use Marketing Tools on TeachingBooks."

These free webinars are not eligible for LEUs for Indiana library staff due to their short length.

However, they contain valuable bits of information on specific topics for TeachingBooks users.

Click [here](#) to see session descriptions, dates, local times and to register for each session. The webinars will be held via Zoom and participants will receive reminders prior to the event and a recording afterward. An archive of past TeachingBooks webinars can be found [here](#).

TeachingBooks is available at no cost to Indiana residents as part of the Indiana State Library's [INSPIRE](#) collection of databases. In October of 2021, TeachingBooks joined OverDrive, the world's leading digital reading platform for libraries and schools.

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